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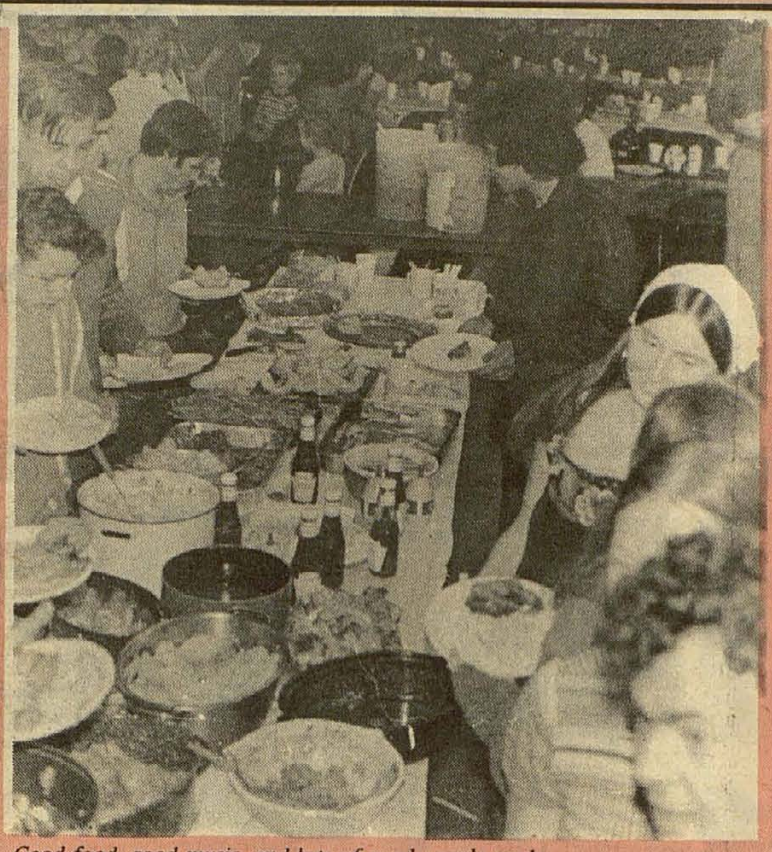
300 Attend Community Dinner



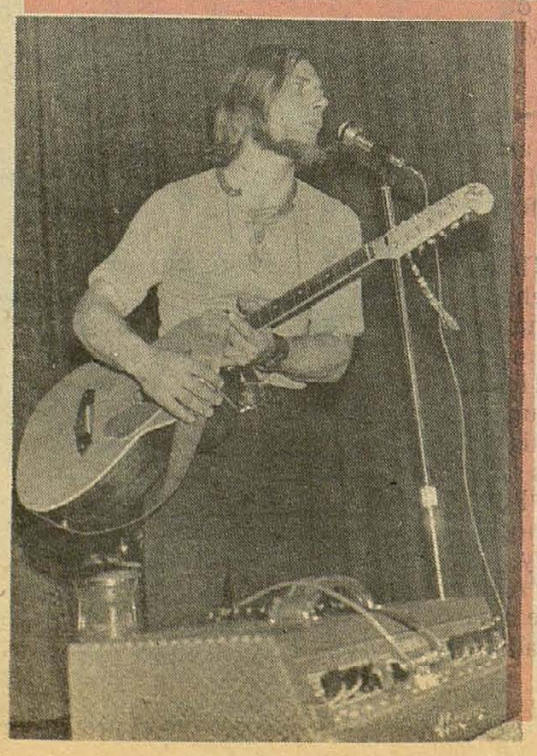
Good food, good music, and lots of good people made the community dinner a great success.

On Sunday, March 3, the Fritzi Englestein People's Free Health Center held a community dinner to raise money to buy drugs for the center's pharmacy. The event was held at St.Theresa'sChurch and lasted from 3 until 7p.m. For $1.00 (or .50¢ for children) over 300 people got plenty of good food, lots of entertainment, and a chance to meet and talk with other people who support or use the services of the health center. There was lively entertainment provided by Delia and her combo, who played Puerto Rican music, and Bill Johnson, who sang country and western songs and oldies but goodies.

The highlight of the event was when sister Josephina Flores from the United Farmworkers Union (AFL-CIO) gave a speech. She explained how many farmworkers had left their families in California to come to Chicago to get the people here to boycott Jewel stores, Gallo wine, and all non union lettuce and grapes. This way, she explained, people in Chicago could help the farmworkers in California win their union. She went on to tell the crowd that with a strong uinon the farmworkers could prevent the growers from putting poisonous pesticides on our vegetables. So the union would not only help farmworkers, but all of us who eat the vegetables. Needless to say, she received a tremendous round of applause. People there pledged their support to the Jewel boycott.

Josephina Flores from the United Farmworkers Union spoke to the drowd about the struggle for a decent life and the fight against the rich growers.

The music was provided by Bill Johnson, who played country and western songs and oldies but goodies, [below, left] and Delia and her Combo played music from Puerto Rico [below]

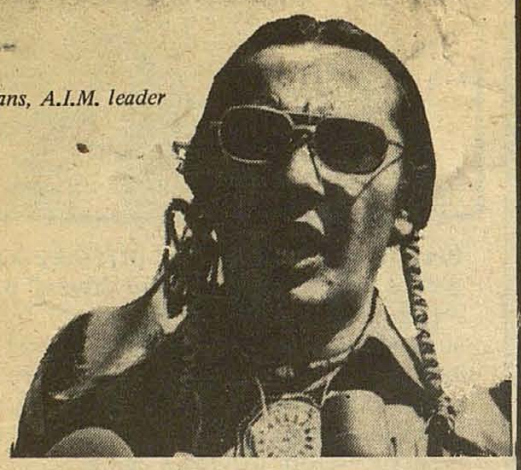


This dinner really showed how we can build our own institutions that are better than the ones set up for us. By donating food and then paying a minimal $1 for a fine afternoon, the 300 people who came helped buy much needed medicine that the health center can distribute to people who need it. With this many people willing to work for and support the health center we can see the potential for us to run the whole health system in a way that meets the needs of all the people. And by understanding that the struggle of the farmworkers for a union in California is part of the same struggle as we're fighting here, the people at the dinner once again demonstrated the unity that is necessary if we are going to win.

More and more we're going to have to get ourselves together to fight for what we need. The dinner was just one step in that process - feeling our strength, our unity and our spirit. Everyone who contributed to making it such a fine event deserves a big thank you! ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

Election Stolen from American Indian Movement Leader

In March, 1973 residents of the Oglala Sioux Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota seized control of the village of Wounded Knee. Native Americans had grown tired of the lies and bureaucratic blunderings of the United States government, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and its local puppet Dick Wilson, and they were determined to do something to put power in the hands of the people. They showed the government that it must live up to the many treaties it has signed and then broken with the Native Americans. One of the leaders of this struggle was Russell Means of the American Indian Movement (AIM). Even though he is a resident of Pine Ridge, the government and press were quick to denounce him as an outside agitator without any real support. On the other hand, Dick Wilson, the corrupt tribal chieftan was presented as the leader of "responsible" Indians everywhere.



Russell Means, A.I.M. leader

After the Wounded Knee uprising, the government moved quickly to get rid of Means and other organizers and supporters of AIM at Pine Ridge. Seven people were charged with being the leadership of this struggle and they are to be tried on assorted trumped up charges —all because they took a stand for human dignity and freedom. One of those indicted by the government, Pedro Bissonette, was killed by Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) police last October 17th.

But the people of the Pine Ridge Reservation have not been standing idly by since the uprising. One of the original demands was that Dick Wilson, a high-living flunky for the BIA, be replaced as tribal chieftan by someone who would serve the people. The government backed Wilson 100% and he refused to step down. So AIM attacked Wilson another way—through the ballot box. In the primary election on January 22nd, 14 candidates ran for the office of tribal chieftan. The entire election board and all ballot counters were appointed by Wilson in the same way that the Democratic Machine runs elections in Chicago. To the surprise of the news media but not the people, Russell Means of AIM got the most votes, with Wilson finishing second. Wilson and the government knew they were in trouble now and they mobilized their forces in the tradition of corrupt political machines to see to it that this wouldn't happen again in the final elections of February 7th.

When February 7th came around, Wilson bought votes, brought in residents of other reservations to vote, had white ranchers and their wives voting, and went door to door soliciting votes. As a result, Wilson stole the election from Means 1709 to 1530 votes. Just like other puppets of the United States government (such as Thieu of South Viet Nam or Marco of the Phillipines), Wilson made sure that the will of the people was overcome by theft, deception, and brute force. But Wilson's "victory" is only a minor setback for the people. The election showed that AIM has much support among the residents of Pine Ridge and that they are no longer willing to settle for the neglect and oppression the government forces on them.

The People will continue to struggle for the right to live decent lives. Means plans to move in court to nullify the election. The government wants this election and the trials of the leaders and participants of the Wounded Knee uprising to be the end of the struggle. But this is really only the beginning. As Russell Means said after the election:

"I did not have the stock growers' money. I did not have the money of the John Birch Society. I had my people.

"AIM has proved a point. Fifteen hundred people have said 'AIM is not outsiders. AIM is Oglala."

ROCKFORD MAN FIGHTS POLICE BRUTALITY

A broken nose, two black eyes, head split open in three places, and lips swollen so much he could hardly talk. That's what Manuel "Tommy" Cervantes, a Rockford, Illinois bakery employee got when he was beaten by two Rockford police officers on January 28th.

Tommy Cervantes, who works the night shift, has worked at the Sunbeam Bakery for ten years. January 28th, a Monday night, was Tommy's night off and he had a few beers at a tavern a few blocks from the bakery. At 11 P.M. Tommy left the tavern and decided to walk over to the bakery and take a nap in the basement until he could get a ride home from a friend after he finished his shift there.

A fellow employee heard Tommy go into the basement, but thinking it might be a prowler, called the police. At 11:45 P.M. officers Jerry Ball and Roger Nilsen arrived at the scene. Tommy, who had been sleeping on a pile of salt sacks, said, "The first thing I knew somebody was beating me. What I remember best is sitting on a wooden palat bleeding all over."

The police then handcuffed Tommy and took him to the Swedish American Hospital where it took 13 stitches to close the three wounds in his scalp. "One of the cops told the doctor I was hit on the head with a flashlight." Then Tommy was taken to the police station and charged with battery on a police officer and disorderly conduct. He was later released on $1,000 bond. "I was beat up so bad my brother didn't recognize me when they brought me in," Tommy said.

The officers filed a report saying that Tommy had jumped at them from a pile of sacks, that Ball received a cut hand, and Nilsen received a cut over the eye, but that they had treated the injuries themselves.

Manuel Cervantes, a Mexican-American, is 5 feet 1 and weighs 115 pounds. Nilsen is six feet tall and Ball is 5 feet 8, and both weigh about 190 pounds.

Stories like this aren't hard to find. What makes this incident different is that Tommy and his friends and relatives in the Rockford Latin-American Community wouldn't settle for the police's false report. They wouldn't settle for Tommy being beaten for nothing, then charged with something he didn't do.

Tommy Cervantes, after he was beaten by police.

On February 19, due to community pressure on the Police Department to find the truth, Ball and Nilsen were suspended for five days for "making false written and oral statements" to officers investigating the complaint. At the same time State's Attorney Reinhard said the city may dismiss the battery charge against Tommy.

The suspensions, it was reported, followed lie detector tests taken by the officers. The results reportedly differed from Ball and Nilsen's earlier account of the incident in which Cervantes was injured. After three weeks of community pressure, Police Chief Peterson said that he was going to put the case before a hearing by the Fire and Police Commission.

Even if Tommy receives the justice he has been fighting for, his problems aren't over. He said he feels like he has to "look over my shoulder" because some people think he's a troublemaker because of the publicity the charges have received.

Tommy is happy the truth is finally coming out. "I never could have done this alone, without all the people backing me up," Tommy said.

ALBANY PARK TENANTS BATTLE ABSENTEE LANDLORDS

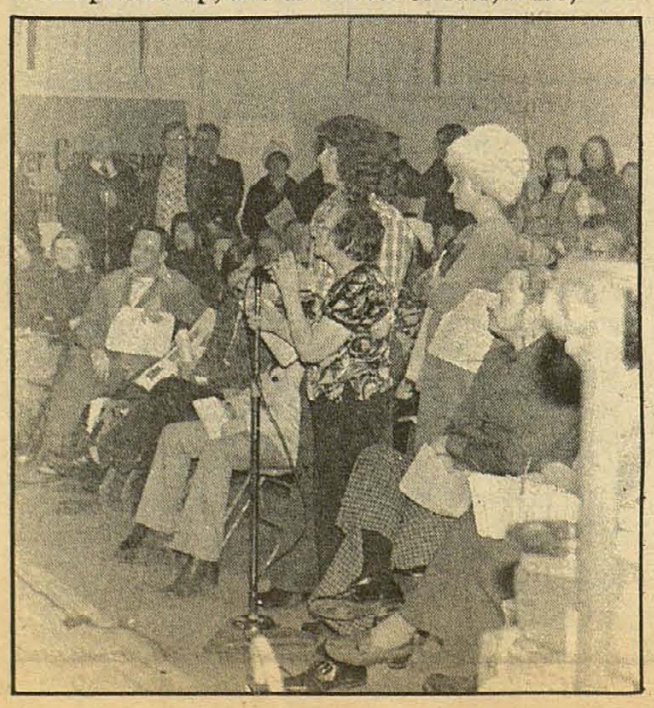
Tenants of Albany Park confront their landlords on February 26, 1974. The photos on the wall show housing code violations in the tenants' buildings.

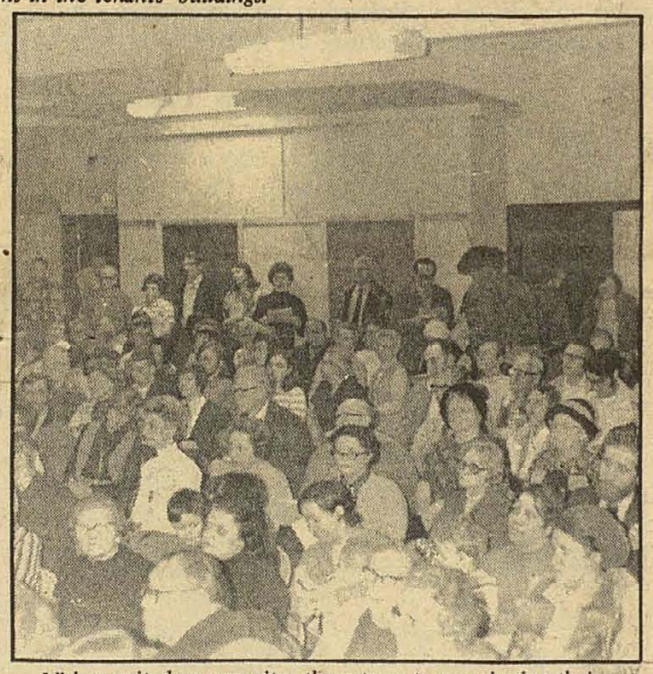
Albany Park is a middle-class and working-class neighborhood on Chicago's northwest side. It isn't a slum, and many of the people who live there are making sure that absentee landlords and slumlords don't turn it into one.

Several months ago the residents looked around and saw that many of the buildings in Albany Park were becoming run down; that the owners of these buildings were happy to collect the rent, but didn't like keeping their buildings up to Housing Code standards, decent places to live, homes to be proud of.

This is often the case with absentee landlords who don't live in the buildings and use them as a source of income. Repairs and maintenance cut into their profits.

So, on February 26th, over 250 residents met and demanded that improvements and repairs be made on 9 buildings. The meeting was called by the North River Commission, made up of 90 neighborhood groups including the Jensen Civic Association, and the Mayfair Civic Association. The landlords had been notified and asked to appear to listen to their tenants' complaints and work out an agreement. This was not the first time the tenants had tried to have things fixed. Things like: no hot water for two months, garbage that hasn't been picked up, and an excess or rats, mice,





With a united community, these tenants are winning their demands for decent housing.

and roaches at 4415-29 N. Lawndale. A vacant, burned out building at 4603 N. Kennicott that neighborhood kids are playing in. And a building at 4806-12 N. Troy, owned by the Polish National Alliance, that needs a gutted apartment renovated, mice and roaches exterminated, adequate heat, and repairs of the electrical system, painting and plastering.

On February 26th, only 2 of the 9 landlords showed up. These two saw slides of their buildings and listened to what the tenants demanded. Firm arrangements and deadlines for repairs were made with the 2 owners who appeared.

The group then decided to picket the suburban homes of 2 of the 7 landlords who didn't show up. Everyone was to meet the following Saturday to go by bus to these landlords' homes. But, by Friday the landlords had called to say they would come down to talk, so the pickets were called off.

The North River Commission and the people of Albany Park are getting results. They are fighting hard and fighting together. The meeting and picket lines and court suits will continue. The pressure on greedy landlords will get stronger. The fight isn't over, but the first battles are being won.

In the last issue Rising Up Angry printed a letter from a Yellow Cab driver telling of the miserable working conditions faced by everyone who drives for the company: unsafe cabs, danger from robberies, unreasonable pressure to make money for the company, no support in case of accidents, tickets, etc.

This driver's complaints are nothing new. Cab drivers have been on the short end of the stick for years. Some examples are:
—In 1967 Yellow Cab laid off 100 of 370 maintenance people. They have never been replaced, and the number of personal injuries in taxi accidents has tripled since then, though there are no more cabs. In 1972 alone there were 5 people killed and 1,169 injured in taxi accidents. The company's answer to this situation is to allow dispatchers to demand bribes from drivers for decent cabs--frequently drivers must make two payoffs for a cab that will make it out of the garage, and another for any mechanical service that it needs.
—Drivers often get robbed, beaten, even shot. When a driver gets robbed, the company often claims he did it himself, and often the police support the company. And even if they agree

that he was really ripped off, they wait three weeks before returning the drivers' pay.
—Cab drivers are a favorite target for police shakedowns. From outright stealing to time-consuming (costly) harassment, drivers get more than their share of the racism, arrogance and viciousness of Mayor Daley's finest.
—Income from driving a cab is dropping steadily. Without a convention in town most drivers can't make even the minimum "book" ($50 a day, and the company gets 58%) without driving 10 to 12 hours a day. And there's no compensation for time lost for breakdowns, illness, or traffic court.

THE COMPANY IS A MONOPOLY

Yellow Cab Company and Checker Cab Company are both subsidiaries of Checker Motors Corporation, which also manufactures the cabs. The same company also owns Continental Air Transport Company, which is the only airport linousine service in Chicago (those green buses that go form the hotels to the airports). They also own the cab companies in New York, Pittsburgh, and Minneapolis, and the airport bus companies in New York and Pittsburgh. The "gas shortage" isn't hurting them, either; they own a couple of fuel companies (Parmelee and Bensolene, which get two-thirds of their gas from Texaco and one-third from Standard Oil-all on one contract). And, to make sure they get a decent break on insurance , they own a couple of insurance companies, too: City Mutual and Calumet Mutual. Plus some sales parts and service companies in California and Washington, and a real estate company in Pittsburgh.

Rotten Working Conditions For Chicago's Cab Drivers

What does this monopoly mean in Chicago? Well, there are 4,600 taxicab licenses in Chicago. That figure was frozen in 1960 by the city council, and is less than in 1929 (then there were 5,289). Yellow and Checker control 3,666 of these licenses--80%. That leaves only 934 for independents, and since the independents have to buy their gas at the pump like the rest of us, they're really hurting--lots of the time they drive a 12-hour day and actually lose money, but their income is regulated by the same meter rates as Yellow and Checker.

In November 1971, Chicago Today ran an article headlined "City Protects Taxi Monopoly." In March, 1973, the Chicago Daily News ran a story headlined "State Opens Taxi Trust Probe Here." But nothing happened either time, because the city really does protect the monopoly.

The City Council Committee on Local Transportation is headed by Alderman Vito Marzullo (25th). In recent years, the Committee has:
—frozen the number of cab licenses;
—arranged for Yellow and Checker to get first choice at any new licenses issued;
—refused to set up any regular safety inspections or standards for taxicabs;
—permitted Yellow and Checker to let as many as half of their cabs sit idle to maximize profits, while preventing anyone else from using the idle licenses;
—stopped the CTA "L" tracks halfway to the airport, giving a choice between a clumsy and time-consuming transfer, or (you guessed it!) a cab or limousine;
—never refused a rate increase the company asked for.

And it all works out pretty well for Checker Motors Corporation, which has assets totalling more than $42 million. Last year the company made a net profit of over $1 million, but paid no taxes at all!

UNION DOESN'T HELP

Cab drivers are members of Local 777 of the Seafarers International, which got to represent the drivers by winning a war with the Teamsters in which drivers were threatened and beaten, and cabs were dumped in the Chicago River. Since then the union has done alright for its officers, though not for its members. The President of the local, Everett "Red" Clark, rakes in over $30,000 per year in salary, expenses, and "allowance." The first Vice-President cleans up over $20,000, and the second Vice President gets over $18,000; in addition seven other union officials take home over $15,000 per year.

And they aren't about to give it up, either. In the last union election the incumbent officers were the only ones on the ballot, even though they had to have the election twice to make sure the members couldn't vote for anyone else. (Local 777 is big on phony votes; just this month the union got a few cooperative drivers together and secretly voted a $2 per month increase in their dues. The great majority of the drivers would have voted against it, but they won't even find out about it until it comes out of their first paycheck in April.)

In May, 1972, several hundred Yellow drivers staged a walkout and strike in protest of a tyrannical garage manager and working conditions in general. Union President Clark was quick to tell a federal court that the union had not authorized the strike, and the judge ordered the drivers back to work without a single grievance even being heard. The company then said that the union hadn't filed any grievances at all, and the union made no protest, even when drivers who had led the walkout were immediately suspended.

And, to add insult to injury, when the AFL-CIO recently passed a resolution calling for the impeachment of Nixon, the Seafarers International was the only union that didn't support impeachment.

THE FUTURE

What will happen to the drivers and the passengers who are caught in the crunch between the company, the union, and the city? Several things seem certain:
—Like the independent gas station operators and the independent truckers, the independent cab drivers of Chicago are the targets of a squeeze play to drive them out of business, and the company will probably try to delay rate increases until the squeeze succeeds.
—For the company drivers, a job that is already low-paying, difficult, and dangerous, will become unbearable. This means that cab drivers will be forced into militant confrontation with both the union and the company.
—Passengers will be endangered even more as the cabs deteriorate, and accident rates will continue to skyrocket.

Controlling interest in Checker Motors Corporation is owned by only three people. Even after their payoffs to aldermen, judges, union officials, and oil company executives, there is certainly enough left to provide adequate safety standards for drivers and passengers, and a decent living for drivers. They must be forced to do both. That will take a united effort by both the drivers and the public.

We've got to get rid of Nixon

editorial

We have not commented on Watergate for a while because our position has been perfectly clear for a long time: Richard Nixon should not be president! Whether he is impeached, resigns, or is forced out of office through legal suits, he must be made to pay a price for his crimes against humanity. That price should be his career – at a minimum. Public opinion polls and our own talking and listening indicate that an overwhelming majority of the people have no confidence in the man.

However, the latest Watergate developments make it imperative that we speak out again against this criminal who is also the head of state. On March 12 Nixon publicly refused to turn over further evidence requested by the Congressional committee that is investigating the possibility of launching impeachment proceedings against the president. It is clear that the Constitution gives Congress the right to do this. By refusing to turn over the documents, Nixon is saying he can tell Congress what it should investigate about him. Here is the criminal telling the prosecutors what they should investigate about him. His refusal to surrender the documents is a blatant violation of the Constitution and a slap in the face to the American people.

On Monday, March 11, Newsweek magazine reported that the Internal Revenue Service is investigating Nixon for possible tax fraud. Last year he paid only $4,000 tax on an income of $300,000. Furthermore, it is becoming quite apparent that the vice presidential papers he donated to the federal government in order to take a huge tax exemption on them, were donated after the date when he claims they were donated. If they were donated after the date he says, they would not qualify for the exemption. So a document was forged to verify the date. The person who forged the document is in the process of losing his notary public status. Clearly this is a case of tax fraud.

The week before, seven top men in the Nixon re-election campaign and in his previous administration were indicted by a federal grand jury for covering up the Watergate affair. The men, John Mitchell, H.R. Haldeman, John Ehrlichman, Charles Colson, Robert Mardian, Gordon Strachan and Kenneth Parkinson, face a total of thirty charges for acts they committed while working for Nixon. The grand jury also turned over a sealed envelope and a huge briefcase to Judge Sirica. This is allegedly evidence of Nixon's involvement in the cover-up. The grand jury also said the cover-up is still going on, "up to and including the date of the filing of the indictment" and is being carried out by the "defendants and other persons known and unknown." The architect of the whole cover-up is obviously Nixon.

Previously, Nixon has admitted that he lied to the American people about the secret bombing of Cambodia. This bombing, of course, murdered thousands of innocent Cambodian people.

Let's add all of this up and see what we get. We have a president who: (1) is a self-admitted liar; (2) is an obvious murderer; (3) has repeatedly violated the Constitution and courts; (4) has used forged documents to cheat on his income tax; (5) has used $3 million of taxpayers' money to fix up his own homes; (6) has accepted bribes from ITT and the dairy industry (not to mention oil companies) for political favors; (7) has supervised a team of convicted burglars and felons; and (8) now won't cooperate with Congress in their impeachment investigation. Anyone who believes Nixon is just a victim of circumstances is either naive or stupid.

If we as a people are going to maintain any of our dignity and self-respect, we must do everything we can to force this criminal out of office!

letters to Rising Up Angry

DON'T SEE "EXORCIST"

Dear Rising Up Angry:

Every time you read a newspaper, watch TV, or listen to the radio, you are bound to hear something about the "Exorcist." Like how people faint, throw up, or leave theatres horrified upon seeing it; how some have trouble sleeping for weeks after seeing it; how some have to seek psychiatric help because they feel that they are possessed by the devil. But the most amazing of all, we hear that the "Exorcist" is breaking attendance records from coast to coast. It may well be the all-time movie box office smash.

It's very sad that at times like these people are willing to wasted time and money on such negative, dehumanizing, and downright sickening garbage. This kind of stuff the people don't need!

Supposedly this movie is based on a real case of devil possession back in 1948. It's obvious to anyone with common sense, however, that the gimmicks used in the film are in no way trying to document anything factual. Even people that are into all that devil-worship crap will tell you that.

The theory behind this movie is simple: totally horrify the audience so that they'll go out and tell their friends how scared they were, and they in turn will go out of curiousity, and will likewise be terrified and will pass the word on to even more people and so on until it becomes a mass phenomena. The people who go don't teally want to be terrified and sickened, but still they line up in front of theatres all across the country. Why? Because they want to share in mass consciousness; they want to see what everybody else is seeing; they want to know what's happening. This is just part of human nature and is, in itself, a good thing. But if there isn't anything good for the people to get into together then it can be a very bad thing.

In the past year the people have been offered very little in terms of good, positive entertainment (meaning something that simply makes you fell good to be alive). Depressing downer music, dehumanized sex, and gory violence has been the direction that pop art has been taking, and the "Exorcist" is a predictable result of such a negative trend. And since it's making so much money, more and worse garbage is to be expected in the future.

So if you haven't seen the "Exorcist", don't. There is plenty of other things to do that are much more fun than throwing up and having nightmares. And if you have see it, forget about it. Let's deal with the real enemy instead.

Michael Demikis
Chicago, Illinois

THE GOOD OLE AMERICAN WAY

Dear Rising Up Angry:

Last year my sister, Nancy Young from Waukegan, Illinois, and her family were down on their luck. On their way to Mississippi last January they were run off the road by a truck, causing them to hit a tree, and total their car. Not knowing whether they were dead or alive, the truck driver just kept on truckin. Nice guy, huh! Fortunately for them, their two small children were only injured slightly.

My sister's injuries were serious enough to put her in the hospital, as she had bruised her kidneys and needed x-rays. Upon reading the x-rays the doctors found her kidneys were not injured from the accident, rather that they were enlarged, deformed, and barely functioning. Well, how could something like this go unnoticed?

Easy. Find a good, reputable, trusting doctor. Nancy did and for two years she went back and forth to him, telling she was having trouble with her kidneys. Nancy told the doctor she was having pains in her sides and her stomach was bloated. He assumed it was a female problem so he put her in the hospital and performed a D and C on her. He told Nancy's mother and husband that there was nothing wrong with her, that her problem was in her head. In his opinion, the doctor felt Nancy's mother and husband were the cause because they were on her back too much about too many things.

Six months later she was still having pain which she believed was from her kidneys. The doctor took a urine specimen and blood test. Yes, she had a slight infection, nothing serious.

Well, her slight infection caused her to lose one kidney, and get extensive repair on the other. This goes to show how concerned this doctor was for his patient.

Now her husband, being concerned and genuinely loving his family wanted to be with his wife and children during her two major operations as much as possible. For you see, her week-end trip turned out to be four and one half months since she couldn't travel back home. Because his job was in Waukegan, he missed several weeks of work to be with her. Thank god his boss knew and understood his human needs. Due to missing work several of their financial obligations couldn't be met. But having faith in humanity, he was sure his problems at the time could be understood. Fat chance, why should they be? Money is the only way to solve any problem, right?

In the mean time, the nice doctor in Waukegan, whose negligence had caused Nancy's problems, was tired of waiting for his money from the Youngs. After all he earned it right? He should be payed. So he turned their bill over to a collection agency. And we all know how nice and understanding these people are.

Once on her feet again and working, Nancy went to the agency, to make arrangements for payments. They said all she had to do was to make regular payments and sign a wage assignment. But feeling that signing this would make the burden on her husband to great she refused as she was now working and planned on paying this bill off herself. Well, they finally agreed and said she could make payments. She promptly made her first payment. Things were finally going right for the Youngs. They had a firm grip on all their problems.

Last month while Nancy was at work a man knocked at their door at home. Her fifteen year old sister answered to see a nice friendly face. He asked her if her sister and brother-in-law resided there. She

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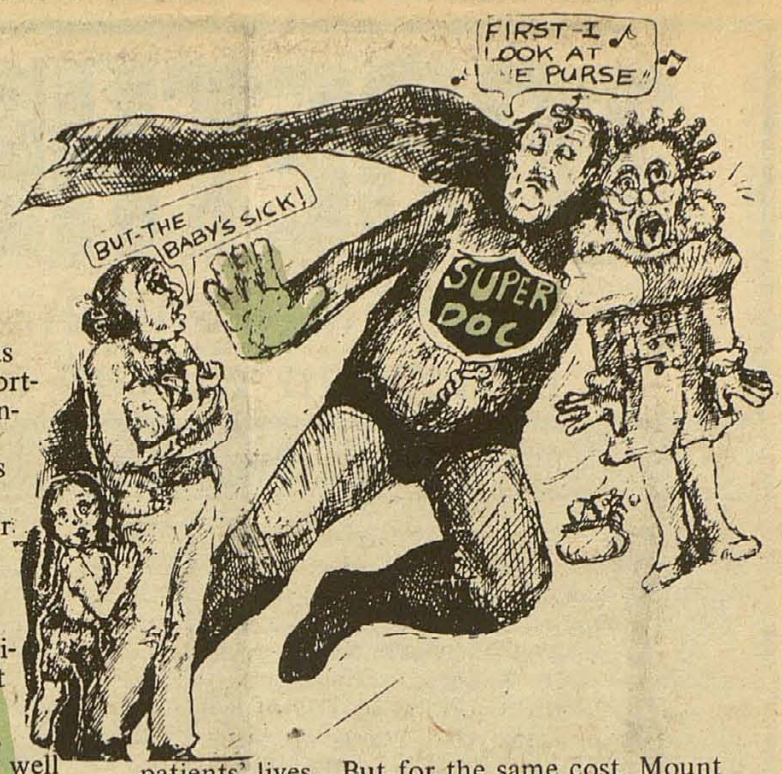
Why Health Care Is So Expensive



How expensive is health care?

Nowadays, the cost of hospitalization can wipe out a family's entire savings. In New York, it's hard to find a hospital room for less than $90-$100 a day. Nationwide, the cost of a day in the hospital has doubled since 1962, and Blue Cross "coverage" – which "covers" less and less – now costs over $400 a year per family in many states. (Blue Cross only covers hospitalization, not treatment.)

With costs so high, you'd think we were getting top notch health care. Guess again. The U.S. is the richest country in the world, but not everyone shares in those riches, or in the health care it could buy. 15 other countries, all poorer, have a higher life expectancy; infant mortality is lower in 14 other countries; and a ten-year old boy has a longer life expectancy in 31 other countries.

According to a U.S. Public Health Agency survey of medical laboratories in the U.S., ¼ of all results reported from lab samples are wrong. The same agency surveyed different types of medical treatment and found U.S. hospitals lacking in many other areas. With female pelvic surgery, for example, they concluded that 70% of all operations resulting in sterilization or ovary removal were unjustified.

Why are costs so high?

Taking their cue from private industry, the hospitals blame higher costs on the wage demands of unionized hospital workers. Wages have gone up dramatically in recent years – from starvation levels to lower-than-average. As recently as 1960, hospital workers in New York's "philanthropic" hospitals were paid $30 for a 40 to 48 hour week. "In effect," concludes the Health Policy Advisory Center, the hospitals "were supported through the philanthropy not of their rich benefactors but of their poor employees, who donated their labor to keep the hospitals going."

Many hospital workers are still paid as little as $70 a week. Some unionized workers in New York take home $100 to $120, but that's still $2,500 a year less than the median family income in New York City in 1970 and $5,000 less than the government - defined "moderate" level of income for a family of four.

The people who are overpaid are the upper level staff and doctors who make up 30% of hospital employees. The average net income of radiologists jumped from $26,000 a year to $34,000 between 1966 and 1970. Senior hospital physicians get salaries of $40,000 and up, with plenty of time for a lucrative private practice on the side. The median income of top hospital executives has been estimated at over $40,000, and some are paid as much as $70,000 a year.

Aren't hospitals non-profit?

Some are, some aren't. The fastest growing sector of the hospital "industry" is the new breed of profit - making hospital and nursing home companies. They build hospitals in well-to-do neighborhoods, turn away all non-paying patients, avoid setting up clinics or emergency services as much as possible, and encourage admission of short-term patients in order to get a high "turnover rate" of customers. These hospital and nursing home "chains" had revenues of about $4 billion in 1970. They are all very profitable, as any Wall Street broker would tell you.

Much more common is the privately owned, non-profit hospital and the municipally owned hospital. The "non"-profit is a little misleading though. True, there are no stock-holders receiving dividends. But there are,as pointed out above, very well paid administrators and **senior** physicians making "profitable" salaries of $40,000 to $70,000 a year.

More importantly, even if the hospitals themselves aren't profit - making, the medical industry is. Forbes business magazine describes the drug industry, for example, as "one of the biggest crap games in U.S. history." In the last ten years, the drug industry has held first, second or third place among all U.S. industries in terms of profitability. Most of the profits go to the top 15 drug companies (out of 700) who've cornered more than half of the $15 billion plus drug sales market. Despite their advertised concern for quality drugs, the companies are apparently much more concerned with sales – they spend three times more on advertising than on research and development.

Then there's the hospital supply industry, selling billions worth of sheets, computers and expensive diagnostic equipment to the hospitals. Profits have been increasing dramatically, putting hospital supply companies up with the drug companies in terms of profitability.

But doesn't new equipment improve health services?

Not really. What benefits can patients expect when Mount Sinai Hospital, for example, installs a $750,000 "hyperbaric" chamber? The chamber costs $600,000 a year to operate and is used an average of only 190 times a year. It's probably saved some patients' lives. But for the same cost, Mount Sinai could treat 20,000 additional patients a year in its outpatient clinics, people with general medical problems like lead poisoning back strains or ear infections. The expensive "hyperbaric" chamber doesn't help the majority of patients - all it does is increase their bills since the hospital spreads some of the chamber's costs over all the patients.

Hospitals invest millions a year in fancy new equipment while basic services for the majority of patients deteriorates. In many cases the hospitals buy equipment irregardless of whether patients need it. In New York City, for example, there are 15 open heart surgery units: 7 of those units do 83% of all open heart surgery in New York City; the other 8 units do only 17%. For these eight, the costs to the hospital (and consequently the patients) of the unused units is enormous.

So why are the hospitals on a shopping spree for new equipment?

Because even if the patients don't benefit, the medical "profession" will. Fancy operations with complex equipment increases the prestige and salary of the surgeons and doctors involved. Hospitals with open-heart surgery units or hyperbaric chambers can attract doctors and lucrative research grants from universities and the government. And the equipment manufacturers make a bundle off the sale of their expensive machinery. All these interests meet together on the hospital's board of directors, which usually includes doctors, administrators and representatives of big business.

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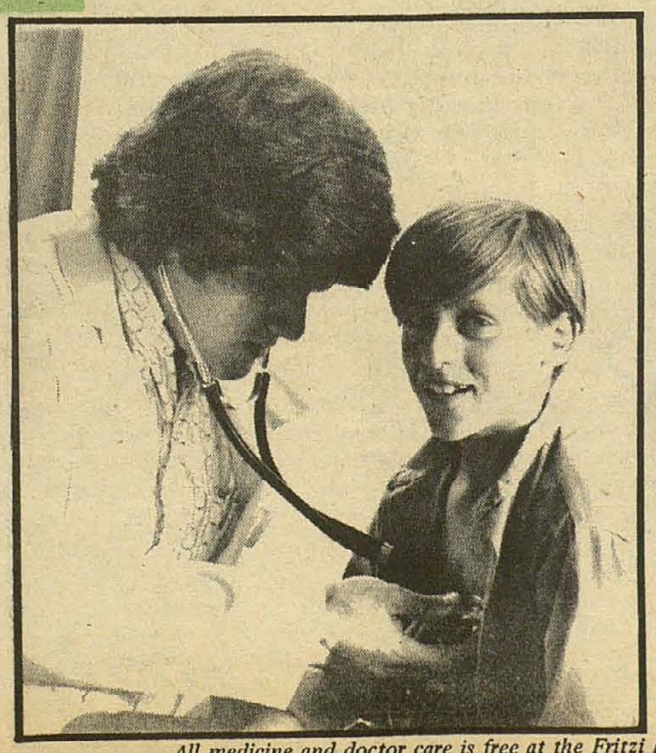
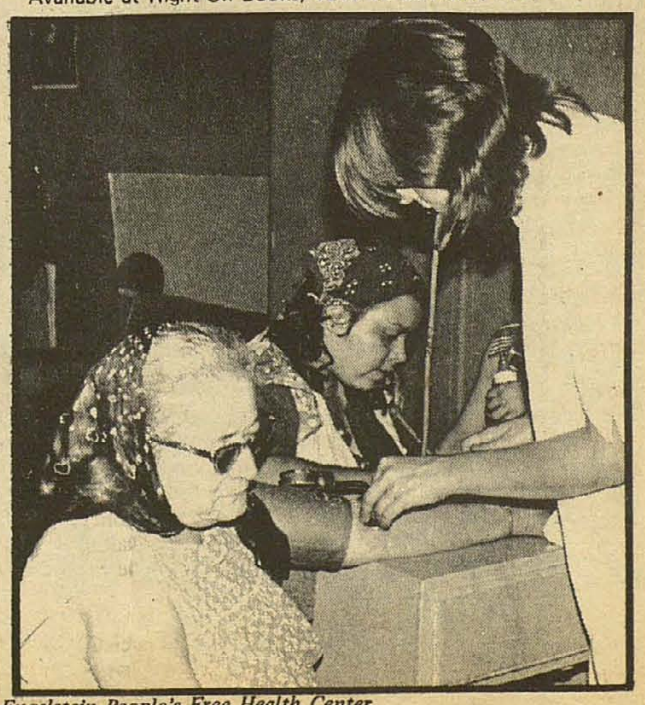




All medicine and doctor care is free at the Fritzi Engelstein People's Free Health Center.

TOGETHER WE WILL WIN!

If we unite and are willing to sacrifice and to fight for what we believe in we can and will win!

farah workers win big victory

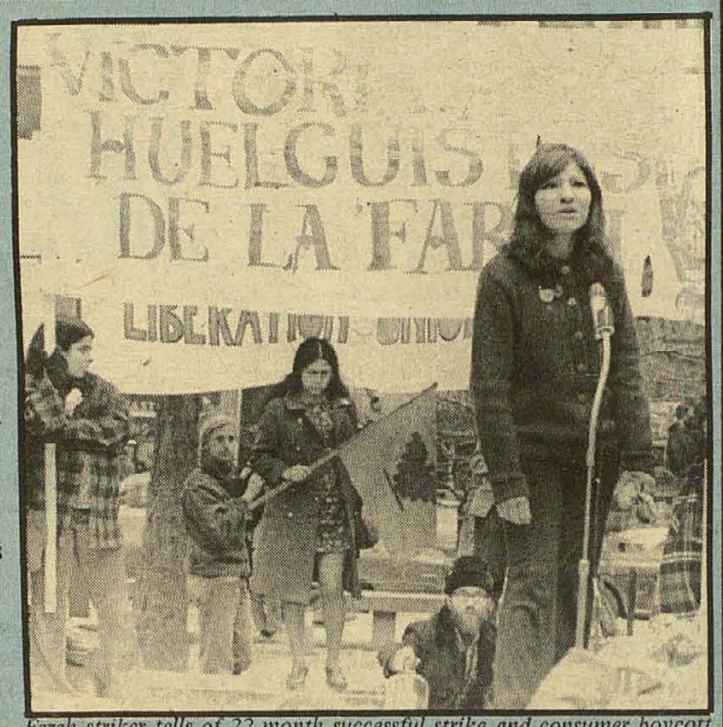
On February 24, after having been on strike almost two years, workers at Farah Pants, the nation's largest manufacturer of men's pants, won their fight for union recognition and improved working conditions. Willie Farah, the company's president who had sworn he would never allow a union in any of his plants when the strike began, capitulated completely, not only agreeing to recognize the workers union as the sole bargaining agent for all employees, but also promising to rehire all strikers and begin immediate negotiations for a wage and benefit contract. This victory, and the way it was won, is important for all Americans, but especially for workers, Chicanos, and women.

Willie Farah became a rich man (assets over $80 million) by exploiting Chicano workers in his 8 Texas and New Mexico plants the past 50 years. While clothing workers are the lowest paid industrial workers in Texas, the 10,000 people who worked for Farah made even less. 95% of the workers were Chicanos (Mexican-Americans) and 90% were women. Production quotas were set unreasonably high. There was no job security in the plants – Farah could fire any worker at any time without cause. Women received no maternity leave, and had to return to the job as new workers. Farah got away with this inhumane and illegal treatment because of high unemployment among Chicanos and because he is a rich and influential man in Texas.

But in late 1969, some of the workers in the San Antonio plant decided to fight Willie Farah. They contacted the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (ACWA) and began a campaign to unionize the plant. Farah responded – he forbid workers to talk to each other on the job, he sent spies to worker's meetings, he fired those sympathetic to the union. Although the workers voted overwhelmingly for unionization, Farah refused to recognize the election results.

Finally, in May 1972, the firing of six workers led to a spontaneous walkout at the San Antonio plant. Workers in other plants walked out too – in all, 4,000 workers began a strike for union recognition.

The strike brought hardships. Under Texas law, the strikers were not eligible for welfare or unemployment. Other businessmen stood behind Farah and refused to hire the strikers. Farah had pickets arrested on century-old laws. Over 800 were arrested, some pulled out of their homes at night, and bonds were set as high as $4,000. Farah surrounded his plants with police dogs to frighten picketers. Workers who talked with picketers were fired. But the scabs Farah hired to replace the strikers were slow and inexperienced. And strike sympathizers inside the plants were able to slow down and mess up production.



Farah striker tells of 22 month successful strike and consumer boycott

And the strikers had another weapon – a nationwide consumer boycott of Farah pants. Despite Farah's attempts to hide his pants under fake names, and despite the Pentagon's cancellation of all pants contracts with companies other then Farah, Farah began losing money as people across the country stopped buying Farah pants in sympathy with the strikers. Farah lost over $15 million. He had to shut down four of his plants completely. Farah stock fell from $56 to $8 a share.

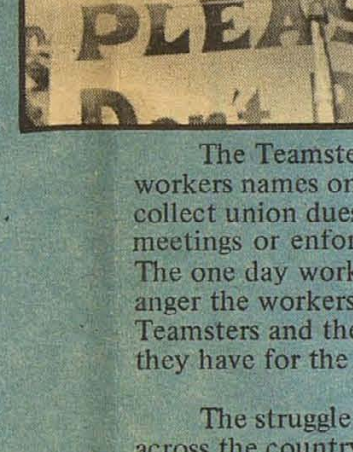
So on February 24, Farah gave up and the workers won. Talks between Farah and a negotiating committee made up largely of strikers have begun. The picket lines and boycott have ended – successfully although the women will not return to work until the new contract is finished. The striking workers have written to people around the country: "This is the first step in a significant victory for workers in the Southwest. It was brought about by the militant unity and struggle of the Farah strikers, and the support of working people all over the country. We thank all of you for your support which helped make this victory possible. Viva La Huelga."

This victory is a first step for the Farah workers, who must now fight to make sure that the union they have won will be theirs - a union that is ready to represent their real interests. In the past, and now, the strikers have had problems with the ACWA. But Willie Farah's capitulation to the Farah workers is the beginning, along with the organizing of the United Farm Workers in California, of unionization and decent lives for Chicano workers. Their victory will also make Northern factory owners think twice before they lay off thousands to move Southwest to exploit cheaper Chicano labor. And lastly, the courage and strength of the strikers, and the support of consumers across the country, shows to everyone that people are determined to, and that people can, make sure that all of us, and our children, have better lives in the future.

8,000 farmworkers stop work. support united farm workers union

On Monday February 18, more than 8,000 farmworkers staged a one day work stoppage in lettuce fields in the Imperial Valley of California. This walkout showed how much strength the United Farmworkers Union (UFW) has among the workers. The only farm where the workers didn't quit working was the Inter-Harvest, which signed a union contract with the UFW. Although the 8,000 farmworkers support the UFW, the growers that they work for signed contracts with the Teamsters Union. The growers forced the workers to join the Teamsters if they wanted to work. The workers and the UFW are demanding that the workers be allowed to vote on which union is to represent them. When this election occurred, the UFW will surely win.

The farm workers don't like the Teamsters for many reasons. The main one is because the teamsters work hand in hand with the growers. A union should be fighting the growers in the interests of the workers. In January, 19 farm workers drowned when a labor contractor's bus plunged off the road into a gully of water. The farmworkers hold the Teamsters directly responsible for these deaths because under a Teamster contract labor contractors (men who are like foremen and hire their own crew) are allowed. The UFW contract doesn't allow labor contractors; workers under UFW contracts are hired out of hiring halls.(Labor contractors are men who sign a contract with the growers to provide so many farm workers for a certain period of time. Then these contractors go out and hire their own crew of workers. They are notorious for treating the workers rotten, paying low wages, and having unsafe transportation. However, growers won't hire farmworkers directly so the workers are dependent on the contractors to get jobs. The UFW contract specifically outlaws labor contractors because of how rotten they treat the workers. The bus accident that killed the 19 farm workers is only the latest example of why labor contractors are a danger to farm workers.)



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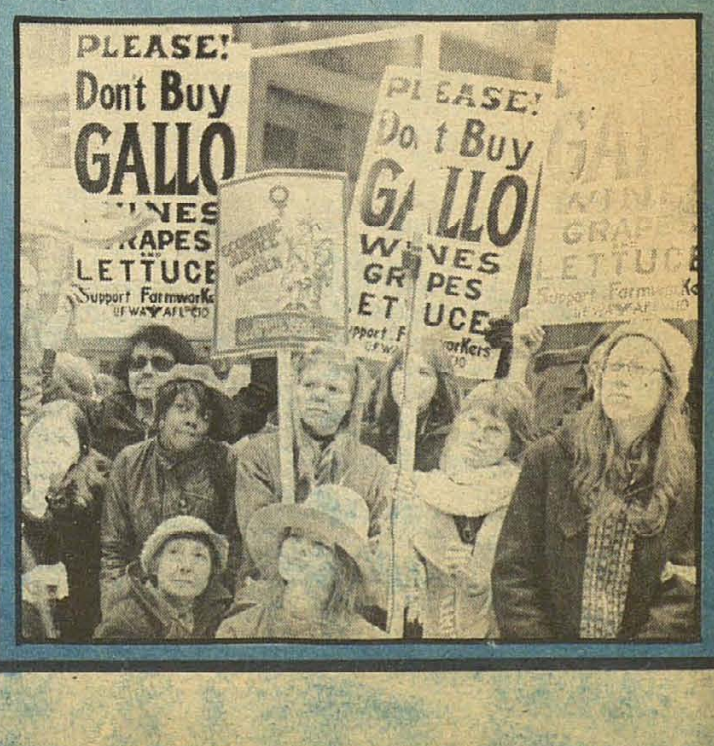

WIN!

for what we

One of the things that keeps us from fighting for our rights is the feeling that we can't win. So if we can't win, why try? This is exactly the way the rich businessmen, the politicians, and the military men who run this country want us to think. If we feel helpless, they can do whatever they want. Yet, the truth is that if we fight for our rights we can win. It won't happen all at once and it won't be easy, but we can do it. Did you ever think about how unions came into being? It was through the struggle, sacrifice, and death of thousands of workers across the country.

Today, there are thousands, millions of people fighting for a better life for themselves, their sisters, brothers and children. After two years of being on strike, thousands of workers have finally won the right to a union in the Farah Pants plant. Despite being forced to join a union that doesn't help them 8,000 farmworkers stopped work one day to show their strength. And here in Chicago over 100 people marched in the rain to support that struggle. After being treated as second class citizens for centuries, thousands of women took to the streets in Chicago demanding equality and economic justice. These stories that follow are just 3 examples of many that prove if we unite and are willing to sacrifice and to fight for what we believe in we can and will win!

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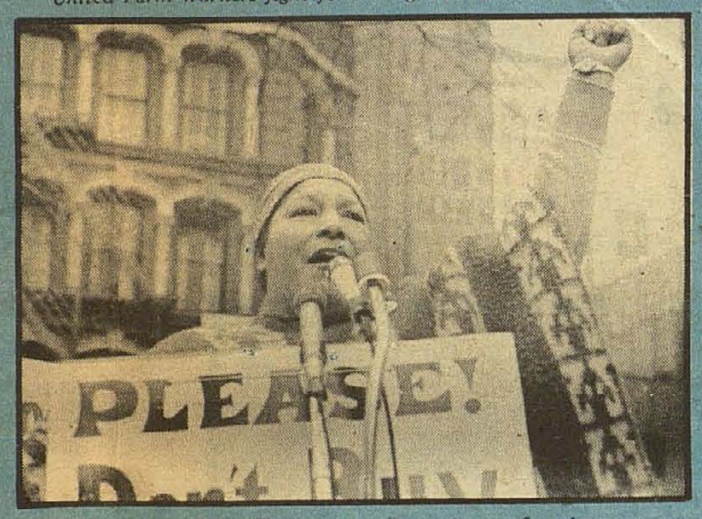
United Farm Workers fight for the right to have their own union.



The Teamsters have been forging workers names on pay checks in order to collect union dues; they never hold union meetings or enforce grievance procedures. The one day work stoppage expressed the anger the workers feel towards the Teamsters and the growers and the support they have for the UFW.

The struggle of the UFW is going on across the country through boycotts of Gallo wine, scab lettuce and grapes. In Chicago, the focus of the UFW is boycotting Jewel stores. They are trying to force Jewel to agree to carry only UFW picked lettuce and grapes.

On Friday, March 8, over 100 people from the UFW, the American Indian Movement (AIM), and Rising Up Angry picketed the Jewel at Washtenaw and Milwaukee (on the north side). Despite the pouring rain the peoples spirits were high. Shoppers who were unaware of the boycott and the UFW struggle were very responsive to the picket line. Many, many people honored the picket line and agreed not to shop at Jewel until an agreement with the UFW is signed.

It is this strength -- of the farmworkers in the fields and the consumer boycott -- that ensures the United Farmworkers the ultimate right of representing the farmworkers across the contry. This victory will take much courage, dedication, and sacrifice, but there is no doubt about the final outcome being victory!

women march for equality and economic justice

"No meat, no heat, can't eat . . . Hit the street!"

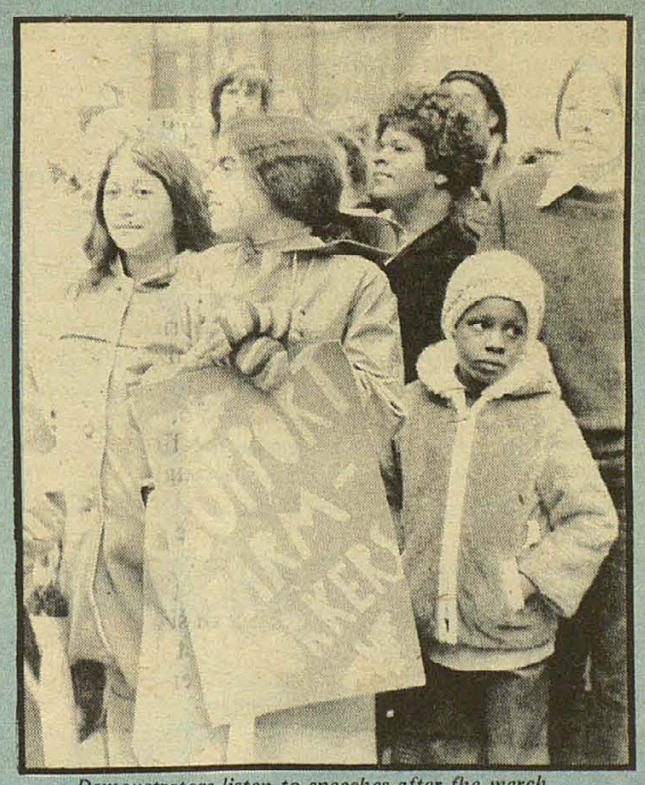
3,000 women and men marched in celebration of Women's International Day.

That's just what thousands of Chicago area women and men did on Saturday March 9. The Women's March for Equality and Economic Justice, attended by two to three thousand people, was organized to celebrate international women's day and to protest the current economic recession. The marchers assembled at the Chicago Board of Trade, where the Commodities Exchange sets the prices of our food, marched and chanted through downtown to the Civic Center.

The signs and chants of the marchers reflected the 8 demands they were making: (1) passage of the equal rights amendment, (2) passage of protective legislation for all workers; (3) an end to forced sterilization; (4) rollback of prices on food, fuel and other necessities to the August 1971 level with a guarantee that there will be adequate supplies;(5) release of funds for childcare and other human services; (6) provision of adequate welfare grant with additional increases when necessary; (7) support for the struggles of women workers, such as the UFW and the Farah strikers; (8) Impeach Nixon and throw out the policies he represents. Once the marchers reached the Civic Center they held a rally. At the rally there were speakers from the Chicago Women's Liberation Union, the United Farmworker's Union, the United Electrical Worker's Union, and the Farah strikers. The speakers echoed the theme of the strength and dignity of women, the gains that have been won, and the necessity to continue the struggle.

Bread and Roses Theatre Group put on a skit about rising prices and how the only way the people can win is to fight back like the Farah workers have done. They also sang a number of songs which added a lot of spirit to the day.

The March 9 event was the highlight of a series of events celebrating International Women's Day in Chicago. On Thursday March 7, there were demonstrations at: the Milk Board (demanding lower milk prices), City Hall (demanding equal pay for janitresses who do the same work as janitors), at the State Building (demanding adequate welfare budgets). On Saturday morning, Operation Push (People United to Save Humanity) celebrated International Women's Day by listening to various woman speakers including Rev. Willie Barrows and actress Cecily Tyson.



Demonstrators listen to speeches after the march.

Although International Women's Day was started in the United States by women workers on March 8, 1857, it is only recently that the ever growing women's liberation movement has rejuvenated the celebration. This year's activities were only an indication of how women have begun to stand up and say "We've had enough!" We are people and deserve to be treated as such." And the demands and slogans of the demonstration show that the cause of women's liberation is the cause of human liberation. Men can learn from the unity and spirit that the sisters showed on March 8. Together we can all fight for the liberation of all people!

part of the Rising Up Angry's contingent at the march

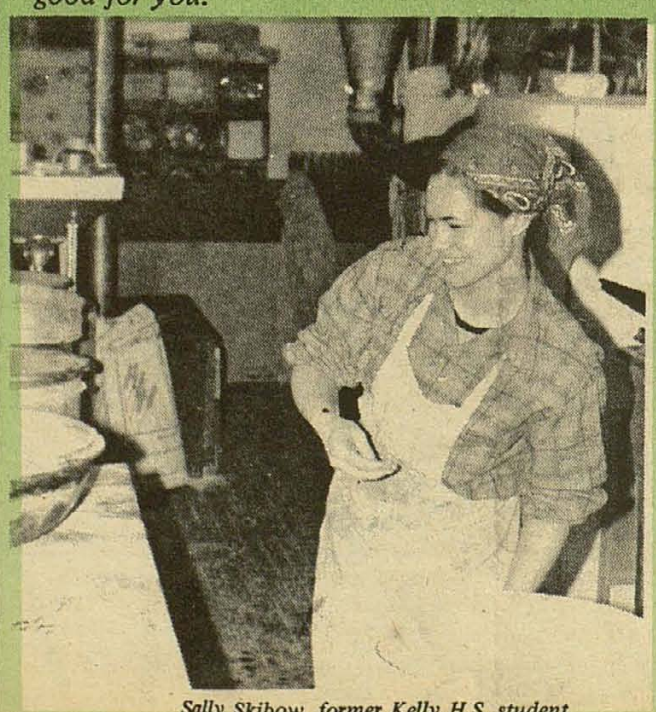
Chicago's Bread Shop

A Cooperative Business That Serves The People

Regular readers of Rising Up Angry know that both the organization and our paper are greatly concerned with the health and well being of the people. We run articles informing people on a variety of health issues and some of the reasons why this government and the big businesses it serves--including the billion dollar medical industry--put profit before a healthy population. Our health center, the Fritzi Englestein People's Free Health Center, cares for people in need of medical attention, and engages in preventive medicine--trying to catch the problem before it develops or even before it starts. The health center projects the slogan "Good Health is a Human Right, Not a Privilege," and has carried out numerous community programs such as testing for lead poisoning and strep throat.

Part of preventative medicine is staying (or getting) in good health, and that includes what we eat. A car does not run well if the gas is mixed with mud; and so it is with food. Good healthful food can put us and keep us in a good place, while food filled with harmful chemicals or prepared in certain ways takes its toll on the body and mind. Currently many people are beginning to become conscious of what they eat, of what's good for us and what's bad for us. Big food processing companies are trying to get in the act with so-called "health lines" of food, such as Quaker's "100% Natural" cereal, and on WJJD (Chicago's big Country and Western station) you can now hear adds for "healthy granola." In addition to the big companies pretending that they are putting out more healthful products, many health food stores are opening up. Some of these are very good, but unfortunately, some of these are commercial ventures, charging high prices, with inconvenient locations, and some get into outright ripoffs. We know of one store that offered hot organic pop corn with sea salt; they used commercial popcorn and Morton's salt, and laughed about it.

We would like to inform the people in Chicago, and present an example to people everywhere, of a group of people who work together collectively, serving the people by making available quality and healthful food at minimum cost. It's Chicago's Bread Shop located at 3400 N. Halsted on the corner of Roscoe. Check it out--you'll dig it and it's good for you.



Sally Skibow, former Kelly H.S. student, works at the Bread Shop.

The Bread Shop was started three years ago and was originally located on the 3600 block of Broadway before being forced out by a bank in need of a parking lot. They've been located on Halsted now for two years. According to Kay Stepkin, one of the founders, "opening the store was a political act. We had tried different things and decided to do something that was based on what we believed, which was health food and people's prices. We wanted to do something useful, something that would serve the people. We needed a little money to live on, but we didn't start the store to make money. In fact, we are a not for profit corporation, and even lost a little money last year. We wanted to do something helpful and honest."

The shop is open six days a week (closed Monday's), and they bake numerous varieties of fresh bread, beginning at 5:30 in the morning. Some of this bread is sold in other health-food stores, a few supermarkets that have a health food section, and other stores. Last year the shop gave over 3,000 loaves away free to food pantries and neighborhood organizations. Some readers might remember eating delicious wholewheat or honey raisin bread at some of the Rising Up Angry People's Dances, or some of the other events we've held.

In addition to bread, the shop carries juices, honey, grains, beans, teas, herbs, fresh vegetables, and much more. Most of these items are available in bulk quantity, at decent prices. Neither the bread, nor the other items have preservatives or harmful chemicals.

Senior Citizens on fixed incomes are given a 20% discount. A sign in the window invites people to wait for the bus inside. There is always lively discussion about food, nutrition, and a wide variety of other topics among the customers and the workers.

The Bread Shop has also played an active role in improving the community. The corner where the shop is located (Roscoe and Halsted) was the sight of numerous accidents. It was the longest stretch on Halsted with no traffic light. People in the community had been requesting a light for five years. After a bad accident last summer, people from the shop got together with Belmont Neighbors, Lakeview Citizen's Council, Hull House and others, and took 60 people down to city hall to meet with the Director of Traffic and Safety. It took a lot more work to get the light after it was promised, but now there is one.

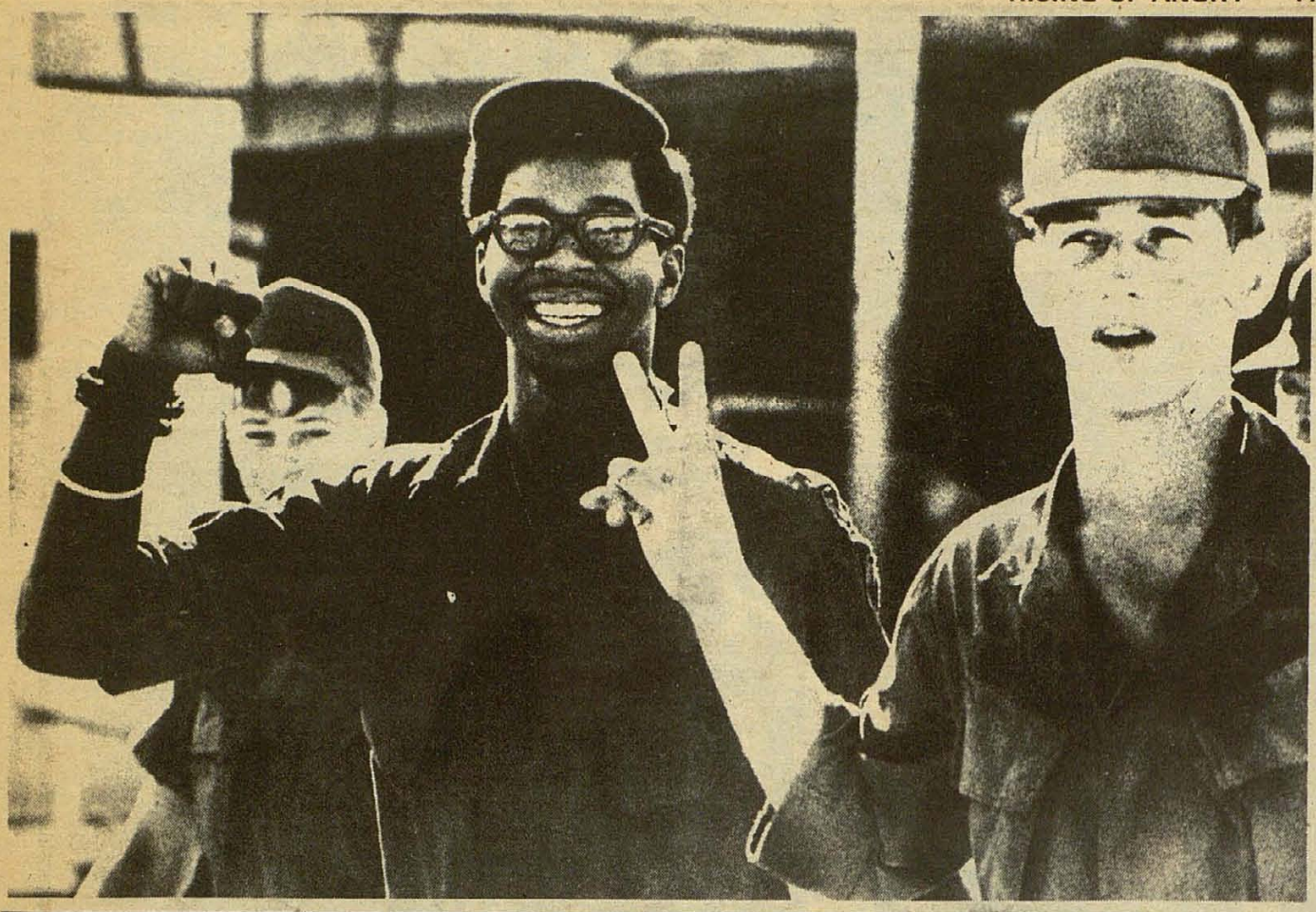
The Bread Shop now has a full time staff of eight people. Workers enjoy the nature of their work (all the bread is hand made, and there's a lot of interaction among workers and customers); they have to dig it and have a lot of love and respect for the people, because if they were in it for money they would not find it ideal in the wage department. Starting pay is $7 a day, and a raise to $10 after two months. The work team is relatively stable now, with former workers coming in to help.

Currently the shop is trying to put $100 a week in the bank to go toward opening a restaurant, and they have plans for a garden next to the sidewalk this summer, recommending that everyone grow their own (vegetables) utilizing all usable land. And if you're interested in learning how to bake bread (they give lessons), or in learning about nutrition (they give talks), give them a call at 528-8108. Better yet, just go by (3400 N. Halsted): good food, good people and good times. It sure is wholesome and you'll get to like it.

AND REMEMBER...

Our bodies are entirely made up of the food we eat; food creates cells - that means it creates all of our organs, hair, skin, nails.

The food we eat today can be responsible for subtle changes in us - like how do you feel when you wake up each morning - tired, or full of energy - good tempered or nervous; is your skin good? hair shiny? Good food can have immediate affects.



marine explains— racial fighting... only the man gets over.

The following article was written by a Marine stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station at Futema, in the South Pacific, where racial tension and violence have been particularly high lately. It originally appeared in OMEGA PRESS, a progressive military newsletter, printed by servicemen stationed in Okinawa.

The present situation between Blacks and Whites on the island is not good, to say the least. It seems the racism of both sides is becoming worse, and of course the lifers are digging every minute of it. They know if people of all races unite, then they can stand by. Most people don't realize it but the pigs want the people to fight among themselves, so they can hold the upper hand. Just as the old saying goes, "united we stand, divided we fall," all the racists are doing is helping the pigs by being so fucking ignorant and stirring up trouble.

Every time somebody says "nigger" or "honkey" all they're doing is helping out the oppressive, racist system that's out to screw us all. There is no reason why we can't all work together against the "power structure" instead of for it. All we have to do is forget our own personal prejudices and look at the other man with respect.

Most people will agree with the philosophy of Brother Huey P. Newton, of the Black Panther Party: "We must oppose all forms of racism. The power structure today advocates racism to exploit the masses of people in this country. This is the key by which they maintain control. To divide the people and conquer them is the objective of their racist system."

This is the case in the military even more so than in civilian life, because by forcing us to live together in one small area, ignoring our cultures and way of living, the pigs have us at each other's throats.

We cannot let this continue. All we're doing is screwing ourselves. Instead of fighting among ourselves, we should be fighting the system that oppresses us and advocates the racism we all hate. It's time for us to wake up.

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said yes and he handed her a summons ordering her sister and her husband to appear in court for refusing to sign a wage assignment and non payment on a doctors bill. Nancy's sister having not yet acquired a knowledge of "fair and square, just" judicial system operates accepted the summons. You see she didn't, so why not take advantage of the situation at hand. After all never give a sucker a break. Hit em, hit em hard and get out. You see he was just doing his job. The honest American Way.

Can you wonder why so many people lock their doors and are afraid to answer. Can you wonder why our children resort to dope to forget, and why they are fighting for changes? Why the rich get richer, and the poor get poorer?

Because all the people with the money and all their friends can do anything they want, step on anyone and get away with it. Our great judicial system with all it's fair and just ways lets them. The good old American Way.

I pray my children don't grow up to see things as I do now. It's up to me and the rest of us to bring about the changes that will help our children make this world a better place for their children.

Susan Jastrzembski
Waukegan, Illinois

SAILORS IN JAPAN FIGHT BACK

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

This is the first letter I've written to you since I've joined the VVAW/WSO in October.

I feel I have to write to describe the oppression that exists over here.

The Constitution might as well not exist as it has no bearing on the people in control. For example, a recent order put out by the base Commanding Officer states in part:

"No member of this command will originate, sign, distribute, or promulgate petitions, publications including pamphlets, newspapers, magazines, hand bills, flyers, or other similar printed or written materials, on board any ship, craft or aircraft, or in any vehicle of the Department of the Navy, aboard any military installation, while in duty status or non-duty status, in uniform or out of uniform or anywhere within a foreign country regardless of uniform or duty status, unless prior command approval is obtained."

Many of the brothers (including myself) have been harrassed, restricted to base, lost security clearances, and otherwise threatened or charged for attempting to put our beliefs' in circulation as guaranteed in the Constitution.

In fact, I have been advised to "cease and desist" with the rap sessions I have taken part in in the barracks, under the threat of jail and a bad discharge.

The situation over here is unbelievable! Another brother and I in the squadron have to go to our intelligence section (S-2) for a weekly progress report!

I feel that these conditions must be made known to the people back in the U.S. and something must be done about it. We are doing the best we can over here to have his order recinded.

We are not in prison over here but we might as well be, as we are all political prisoners under the oppressive machinery of U.S. Imperialism.

The only good news I have from here in the Land of the Rising Sun is that the brass is very much afraid of a people's movement and is on the defensive. Even with the repressive atmosphere the movement continues to grown and we will continue our fight for freedom of expression as is guaranteed in the Constitution no matter what. We would appreciate as much help as possible.

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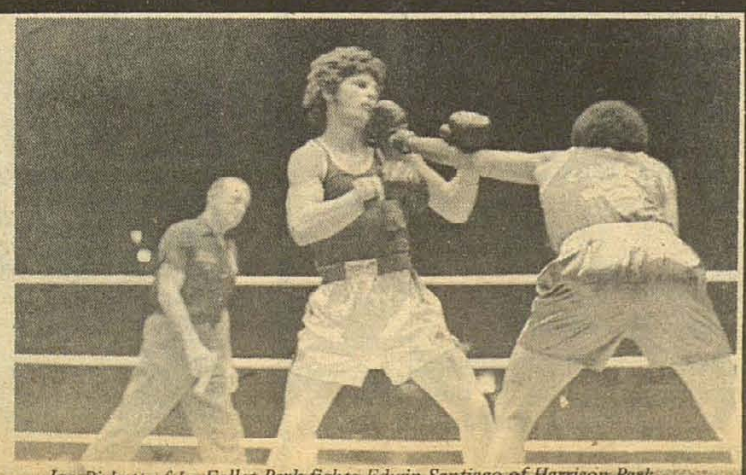
golden gloves

Rising Up Angry would like to congratulate everyone who made Chicago's 1974 Golden Gloves a success. We want to especially thank the many fine participants from all over the Chicago area, who went through a rugged series of north and south side elimination bouts at St. Andrew's gym.

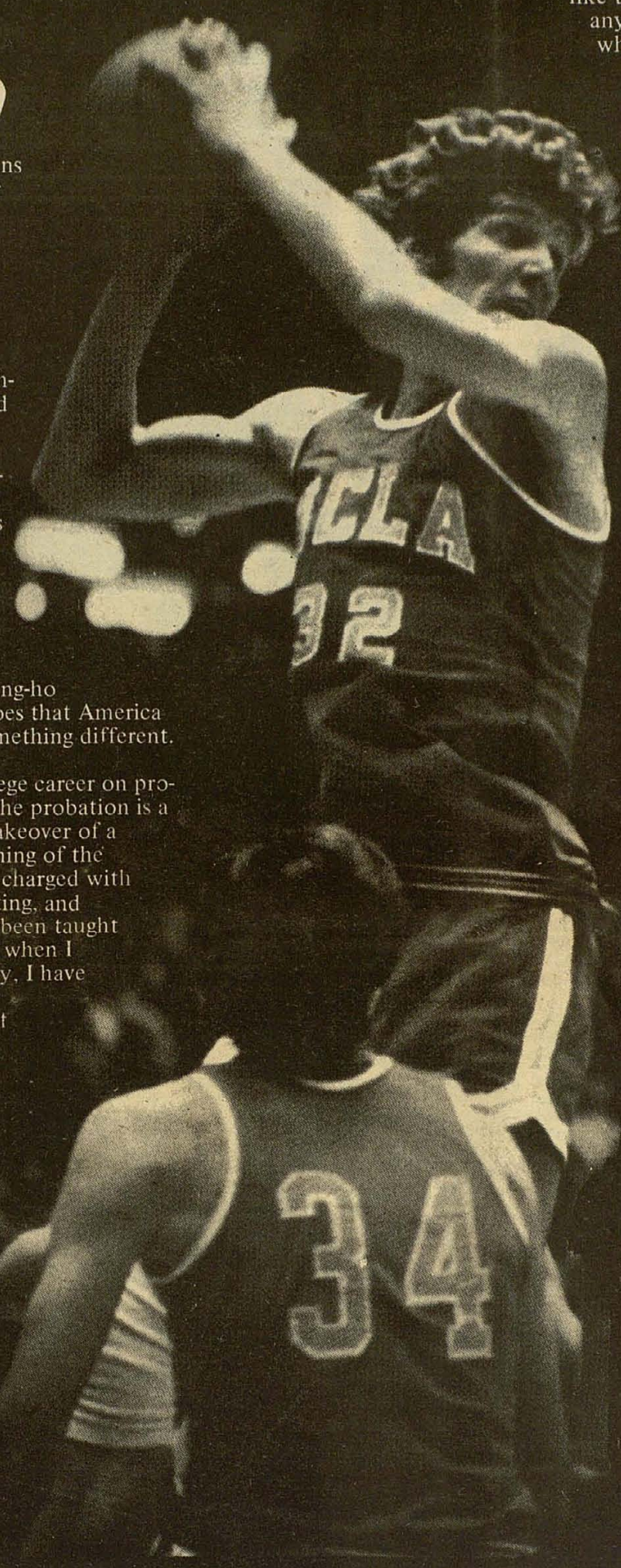
Here are the finalists who participated at the Northwest Armory on Friday, March 8th. (* indicates a winner):

Sam Alvelo* - Eddie Mack
Brian Doherty* - Frank Addesso
Jose Mendoza* - Glen Arnold
Paul Williams* - Norman Withers
Rick Wilson* - Darrahyl Brown
John Lira* - William Gould
Joe Birkett* - Edwin Santiago
Joe Levita* - Donald Woods
Anthony Reed* - Ronnie Furlow
Frank Smith* - Steve Crowe
Abdul Bey* - Frank McGovern
Kevin Stanley* - David Daniels
Jerry Brown* - Steven Williams
Albert Clay* - Ray Regalado
Preston Fortney* - Billy Brown
Ton Giacobbe* - Cornell Verse



Joe Birkett of La Follet Park fights Edwin Santiago of Harrison Park.

basketball superstar Bill Walton



Whether the U.C.L.A. basketball team wins the national championship again this year or not, everyone who pays attention to basketball know's what U.C.L.A.'s Bill Walton has done on the court. He is one of the most successful college athletes of his generation. He has led his team to the longest winning streak ever, 88 games, and since junior high school has compiled a record of 150-3. If he wants, he can become the highest paid athlete in U.S. history. Last year he was offered $3 million to turn professional. This year one eastern professional team, after learning that Walton wants to play pro ball in Southern California, considered moving its entire franchise to the west coast. Other pro teams have been accused of losing on purpose to finish last so thay can draft Walton first. The Chicago Bulls coach has said he would trade his whole team for Bill Walton. Bill Walton is that good. But few people know about what Walton does off the court. This is because Walton doesn't fit the image of gung-ho All-American jock - the image of sports heroes that America and the media likes to project. Walton is something different.

Walton has been playing much of his college career on probation - from both school and the NCAA. The probation is a result of Walton's leadership in a sit-in and takeover of a college building when Nixon ordered the mining of the Haiphong harbor in May, 1972. Walton was charged with unlawful assembly, disturbing the peace, rioting, and failure to disperse. Afterwards he said "I've been taught my whole life to respect my fellow man. So when I see my government annialate a whole country, I have to do something about it. We're trying to make people think about things instead of just accepting them. Some people dislike it because we stir things up, but things need to be stirred up." School administrators, politicians, and some members of the press were among those who disliked it. When they found out that Walton also considered himself a revolutionary, and supported people who refused the draft or deserted, there were efforts made to have him thrown off the team, blackballed from basketball, and dismissed from school. This has happened to other athletes. It didn't happen to Walton because he is such a great player.

And because he is white, in a sport dominated by Blacks. "Let's face it, I've gotten twice as much attention as I deserve because I'm white. Racism is one of America's biggest problems. I'm ashamed of the way whites have denied rights to Blacks and I don't want to hear about how things are better than they used to be because they're not like they should be. I can't blame Blacks for any steps they take to get their freedom. We whites have a lot to learn from Blacks - especially to learn to believe we're really brothers and sisters."

If you've seen Walton play on T.V., you know he is a fierce competitor. But winning isn't everything. "Why is it so important to be the biggest and best? Why are we so hung up on it in this country? Let's try more to be friends, to live together in peace." After leading his team (by hitting 21 of 22 shots) to win the NCAA title last year, Walton confused reporters by refusing to meet with them, saying he was going out "to be with the people." And later that night his teammates and the players from the Memphis State team started partying in Walton's room and kept going until early the next morning. That is what people mean when they talk about "friendship first - competition second."

Right now Walton is organizing campus oppostion to an experimental program in California that tries to "modify" the behavior of prisoners through brain surgery. And most recently he got ten teammates to sign a letter to Nixon telling him to resign (even Walton's famous coach, John Wooden, agreed with the sentiment, although he didn't sign the letter). Says Walton, "Our leaders are corrupt. They think they can do anything they want to people. I have no patience with them because they are ruining our country. So many people have been screwed by our political system. So much crap is fed us."

So the next time you watch Bill Walton play ball, you'll know He's not only a tremendous basketball player, but also a very fine brother. And that he is one more example of how more and more athletes, like people from every walk of life, are joining, in whatever way they can, the struggle for human justice and dignity in America.

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NEWS AT A GLANCE

National

*** Pentagon Hiding Vietnam Costs**

The General Accounting Office has charged that the Pentagon has been hiding from Congress the total amount it has been spending in South Vietnam. One example given by the G.A.O. cites a 1972 report that showed the Pentagon understated by $400 million the amount of money it spent in Vietnam that year. The G.A.O. also accused the Pentagon of using bureaucratic devices to block its investigation.

*** Gas Held Back**

Now that gas prices are up to $0.70 a gallon, the "crisis" seems to be easing in Illinois. In fact, it has been reported that 80% of our "new" gas came from existing inventories in Illinois, and that 3% more gas was actually in storage this January than in January of last year. Also, four times as much gasoline was exported from the U.S. early this year than the same period last year.

*** Top Speechwriter Calls for Nixon's Impeachment**

John K. Andrews, formerly one of Nixon's top speech writers has called for Nixon's impeachment. Another top-level official who is resigning commented "The whole administration has become geared to one purpose – fighting impeachment. It is a rudderless ship."

*** Back Pay To Black Workers**

A U.S. District Court in Atlanta, Georgia, has ordered the Georgia Power Company to pay almost $2.1 million to Black victims of job discrimination. The amount is the largest ever awarded in any federal civil rights case. The court also required the company to substantially increase Black employment to a goal of 17%. The court decision resolved the first employment discrimination suit brought against a public utility.

*** N.Y. Cops Accept Bribes**

Two N.Y. policemen have given evidence in court that over half of the detectives in a so-called elite unit assigned the task of arresting major heroin dealers accepted large cash bribes since at least 1968. The evidence was given in connection with the 1972 discovery that N.Y. policemen had stolen millions of dollars worth of heroin from the police property clerk's office.

*** Government Conspiracy Suspected At Hearst Food Give-Away**

The California Black Panther Party, while condemning the kidnapping of Patricia Hearst, has accused co-ordinators of the "People in Need" program set up by the Hearst Foundation, and the California police of conspiring to set up the Black Community for attack because Patricia Hearst has been held hostage. Observers report that food distribution has been poorly organized, with, in some cases, food being thrown from trucks at people standing in line, while co-ordinators refuse offers of assistance from community groups. At the same time, police have acted to provoke and incite people waiting for food. Over 50 people have been arrested or beaten by police.

Meanwhile, Governor Ronald Reagan has said he hopes an epidemic of botulism breaks out among the thousands of poor and hungry that came to accept free food.

*** Illinois Mental Health Workers Convene**

Over 1,000 people, upset at worsening mental health conditions in Illinois, met on March 2nd at the Chicago Conrad Hilton to attend an Emergency State Conference to save Mental Health in Illinois. Outrage was expressed at massive staff layoffs, and the discharging of patients from large institutions, that are being closed down, without adequate new facilities. The meeting endorsed legislation to begin correcting the disastrous mental health situation in Illinois. A Chicago area meeting to plan future activity will be held March 25th at 220 S. State at 7:30pm.

*** Chicago Reporter Loses Job For Refusing To Shake Hands With Hanrahan**

Karen Kelly

Karen Kelly, a reporter for the West Suburban Pioneer Press was fired for declining to shake hands with Congressional candidate Ed Hanrahen, the man responsible for the death of Black Panther Party leader Fred Hampton. Hanrahen visited the offices of the paper in mid-March to meet the staff. He offered his hand to Ms. Kelly, who refused. Ms. Kelly says the incident was followed by a "tantrum" on the part of Hanrahan, who stormed out of the office. The next day, Ms. Kelly was fired. An unfair labor complaint has been filed on her behalf with the National Labor Relations Board.

*** Nixon Illegally Impounding Pollution Funds**

The U.S. Court of Appeals recently upheld a lower court ruling that Nixon is illegally impounding over $6 billion in water pollution control funds.

*** U.S. Congressman Opposes South African Imports**

Congressman Andrew Young has urged the American people to call upon members of Congress to vote against imports of chrome into the U.S. from racist-ruled Rhodesia. This issue is expected to be voted on within a month in the House of Representatives. Says Congressman Young: "I urge citizens everywhere to contact the members of the U.S. House from their states. You can write or call them and tell them to end the U.S. government's support of the racist Rhodesian regime by stopping the imports of chrome."

The World

*** Defoliation Effects on Vietnamese Forests Told**

A scientific study prepared for Congress has concluded that it will take over a century for the forests along the coast of Vietnam to regenerate from damage caused by U.S. chemical herbicide bombings. Over 260,000 acres of mangrove forest area -- who's swamps provide the fish and protein for most Vietnamese people -- were destroyed. The study also reported that untold children also died as a result of the herbicide bombings.

*** 10,000 Die in U.S. Backed Fighting in Phillipines**

Over 10,000 people have died in fighting that destroyed 2/3 of the city of Jolo in the Phillipines in late February. The fighting was part of dictator Ferdinand Marcos' attempt to smash all opposition to his rule. The American Green Berets played an important role in the February fighting. The U.S. now has 70,000 servicemen stationed at 23 bases in the Phillipines to assist Marcos and protect U.S. business interests. Since Marcos clamped martial law on the Phillipine people in 1972, U.S. corporations have invested over $3 billion in the country.

*** African Drought Worse Than Ever**

Despite brief rains, this year will be another hard one for the African nations of Mali, Mausitania, Niger, Chad, Senegal and Upper Volta. With five months to go before farming can begin, farmers are already reported out of food and begging. Since the drought began, as many as 750,000 lives have been lost. An estimated 1.7 million people will be in need of aid this year.

Woman in drought-ravaged Upper Volta gathers buds for use as food.

To Our Friends:

Rising Up Angry has grown greatly in our four years of existence. Our growth has been entirely dependent on the good will of the people. As times are getting harder the demands on us are getting greater: north and south side legal clinics; free health center; military counseling and organizing; over 2,000 free subscriptions to GI's and prisoners across the country and around the world; support for the United Farm Workers; women's organizing; etc., etc. We need all of the help we can get. One way you can support us is with money. Remember--our base of support is you.

☐ I want to pledge a certain amount each month. Enclosed is my first monthy pledge of $5.00 (or more, of course). [If you want to send in a yearly pledge of $60.00 all at once, feel free!]

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ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

WHAT'S GOING ON

Right on, sisters and brothers. That beautiful weather we had for a few days was too much, huh? When spring finally gets here I hope to see lots of you down at the Angry office, on the picket lines at the Jewel stores, and at all of the events we'll be having this spring and summer. As you know, we are about getting people together to fight for a better life.

Hope everyone had their green on for St. Patrick's Day. I also hope you thought for a few minutes about the courageous struggle our brothers and sisters in Northern Ireland are waging to free their country from British rule. While people here were celebrating St. Pat's Day, there were hundreds of patriotic Irish sitting in jails because they had dared demand their freedom.

Students at **Mayfair Jr. College** voted three to one in a student referendum that President Nixon should be impeached. Right on!

In the school elections at **Mayfair** the **Students United Party** won re-election. Those elected were: **Steve Rachwal**, President; **Jeff Simmons**, Vice President; **Happie Oerke**, Treasurer; **John Aitkin**, corresponding secretary; **Jackie Evans**, recording secretary. Congratulations!

The latest issue of **The Mangler**, which is put out by **The Evergreen Park High School Student Union**, just arrived. It's a good underground paper. They are getting evidence together about a P.E. teacher who beats up students. Hopefully, their efforts will put a stop to this deplorable activity.

Here's some birthdays – past, present and future. Our best wishes to **Pam Walter** on March 5; **Debbie Mozynski** on March 23; **Carol Newcombe** on March 7. All three of these sisters are from **Albany Park.**

Birthday greetings also go out to **Leonard Klaff** (March 3rd) from **Kennedy High School, Karen and Shirley** from **Madame Curie High School**, and **Steve Months** from **Mozart School Yard.**

We'd like to extend happy birthday wishes to a few more friends. From **Alvernia High School, Arlene Engert** will be 17 (April 3), **Lindy M.** will be 17 (March 30), **Gerri Shultz** turns 17 on March 22, and **Tina Wolkolber** reaches 18 on April 4.

From **Albany Park, John Reilly** turns 17 (April 1), **Cindy Sharfenberg & Nancy Parker** both will be sweet sixteen April 17 and March 29, **Barb Brandle** has a birthday March 18, **Linda Schomberger 's** is on March 21, **Debbie Materman's** comes March 26 and **Pat Bettey** gets one year older, becoming 15 on March 18.

Lot of Birthdays from **Albany Park: Andy Matyas** is 16 (March 9), **Billy Gianos** turns 18 (March 13)—Greetings from your friend Cindy, **Sue Malinowski** is 15 (March 11), **Pat Webb** becomes 16 on March 21, **Dee Dahme** from **Lawrence & Elston** is 16 February 28, and also **Joan Henry** from the same neighborhood is 16 on March 2.

Your friends at **Sacramento & Montrose** welcome back **Tommy Williams**, just out of the USAF.

On March 13, over 150 girls from Curie H.S. rallied to protest the theft of their school athletic facilities by the administration and the Park District. (above) one group of the more than 150 students. (right) girls sat down in school gyms and hallways demanding to meet with the principal, Dr. Kelley. Kelley met with representatives, but gave them no satisfactory answers. So the fight continues. For details about the situation with women and sports at Curie H.S. see Rising Up Angry No. 5, vol. 12.

Dave Meggyesy, ex St. Louis Cardinal linebacker and the author of **Out of Their League**, will be in Chicago for a speaking tour from May 13-18. Anyone who would like to have Dave speak at their school, club, or college should contact Rising Up Angry (472-1791). If you just want to hear him, contact us for dates and places he will be speaking.

If anyone is interested in setting up a Sports for the People Program, the discussions and planning sessions will be taking place during Dave's visit.

Get well soon to **Chops from Lawndale Park** who was in the hospital for an operation.

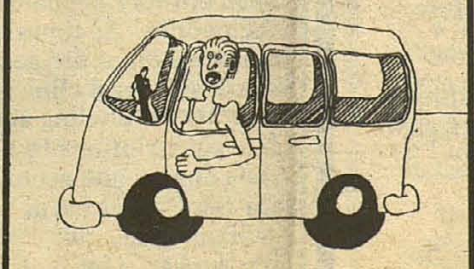
Everyone from **PBC** wishes **Jim Gavin** a happy birthday. We hear he had a real nice party.

We would also like to thank **Pete, the people's bartender**, for hosting the party that Rising Up Angry had after the picket line at the Jewel on March 8th. It was far out! Thank you **Judy Christodolos**, for also helping out.

Mrs. Vivian King's family and friends all wish her a very happy birthday.

WANTED:

One van for a few hours once every three weeks. We need a van to pick up each issue of **Rising Up Angry** from the printer. We publish every three weeks and it would only take a few hours. If you have a van or have any ideas, contact us at 472-1791.



People in **Waukegan** wish **Paula Lienan** a happy birthday. They also say congratulations to **Dave Poland & Jean Dugan** who were married on March 8th.

Congratulations to **Duane Teller** from the **American Indian Movement** on his recent victory in his first bout in the **Golden Gloves** preliminaries. He retired from the ring undefeated.

The benefit for the **Orlando Quintana Defense Committee** that was held on March 2nd was quite a success. Everyone had a good time listening to the music, eating, drinking, rapping with their friends and helping to raise the money necessary to clear Beetle's name.

Did you know that the **Moody Blues** is going on a tour of **China?** They will be the first rock band in China. It will be very interesting.

Speaking of music . . . Recently some **Kelly** students, past and present, including some of the people who made up **Killing Floor,** have been getting together on Saturday night and jamming, with different people taking turns on instruments. Everybody's been having a good time, both listening and playing, and people are learning to do things together, and everybody's getting better. People's jams in the basement are a good thing. More aspiring musicians should get into it.

WE ARE VERY SORRY TO REPORT THE DEATH OF FREDDY WILLIAMS OF ALBANY PARK. HE WAS A VERY BEAUTIFUL BROTHER.

HE DIED IN HIS SLEEP ON MARCH 5TH. OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HIS MEMORY WILL BE IN OUR HEARTS.

Get well wishes go out to **Mr. Sandoval & Bob Sandoval** who are both in St. Lukes Hospital.

On the other hand we are happy to hear that brother **Che** from Roscoe Street is well after a successful operation.

"The fuel crisis need not mean genuine suffering for any American, but it will require some sacrifice by all Americans." Nixon, 11/7/73.
In the first quarter of 1973 profits for the world's seven largest oil companies were greater than in any other three-month period in their history. Think about it brothers and sisters – who sacrifices and who doesn't. And how we can change it. . .

Keep on keeping on.

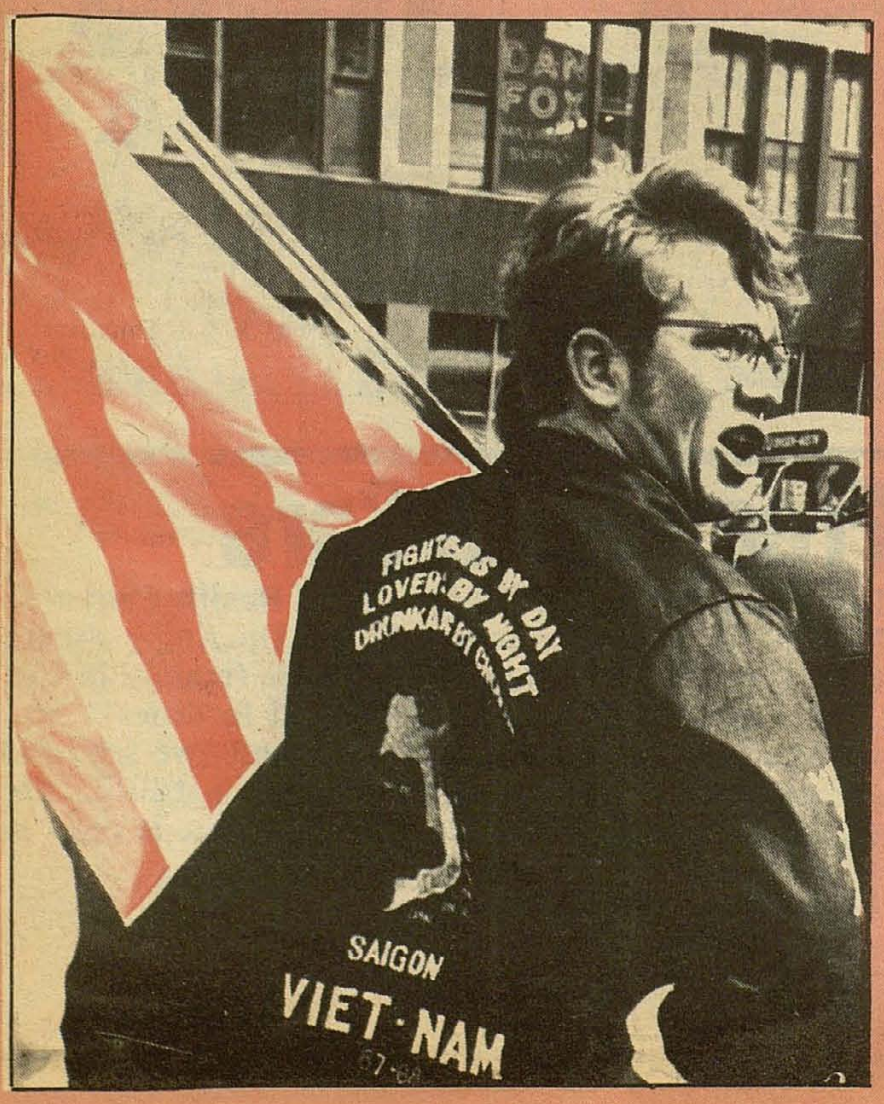
BOB DYLAN—

looking past the idol

Inside The Times They Are A-Changin' album (by Columbia) there's a piece of paper with a long poem by Bob Dylan. In that poem he says:

"Woody Guthrie was my last idol
he was the last idol
because he was the first idol
I'd ever met
that taught me
fact t face
that men are men
shatterin even himself
as an idol...
you ask "how does it feel to be an idol?"
it'd be silly of me t answer, wouldn't it. . ."

Bob Dylan's recent nationwide tour has been a smash success and the media has elevated him to an idol, "the voice of a generation." Bob Dylan is a man. One of the greatest American artists. He told us what he saw in a way we could relate to. And then it was up to us to act. What he saw is still there. Thru his songs we can still see much. This song, Only A Pawn In Their Game, starts out with the death of Medgar Evers. Medgar Evers was a civil rights leader in Mississippi in the early '60's. Here's the story of his death as seen by Bob Dylan. Can we look past the idol and hear the man?



White citizens murder a Black man. They're only pawns in the Man's game.

A bullet from the back of a bush took Medgar Evers' blood
A finger fired the trigger to his name,
A handle hid out in the dark,
He hand-set the spark,
Two eyes took the aim
Behind a man's brain,
But he can't be blamed,
He's only a pawn in their game.

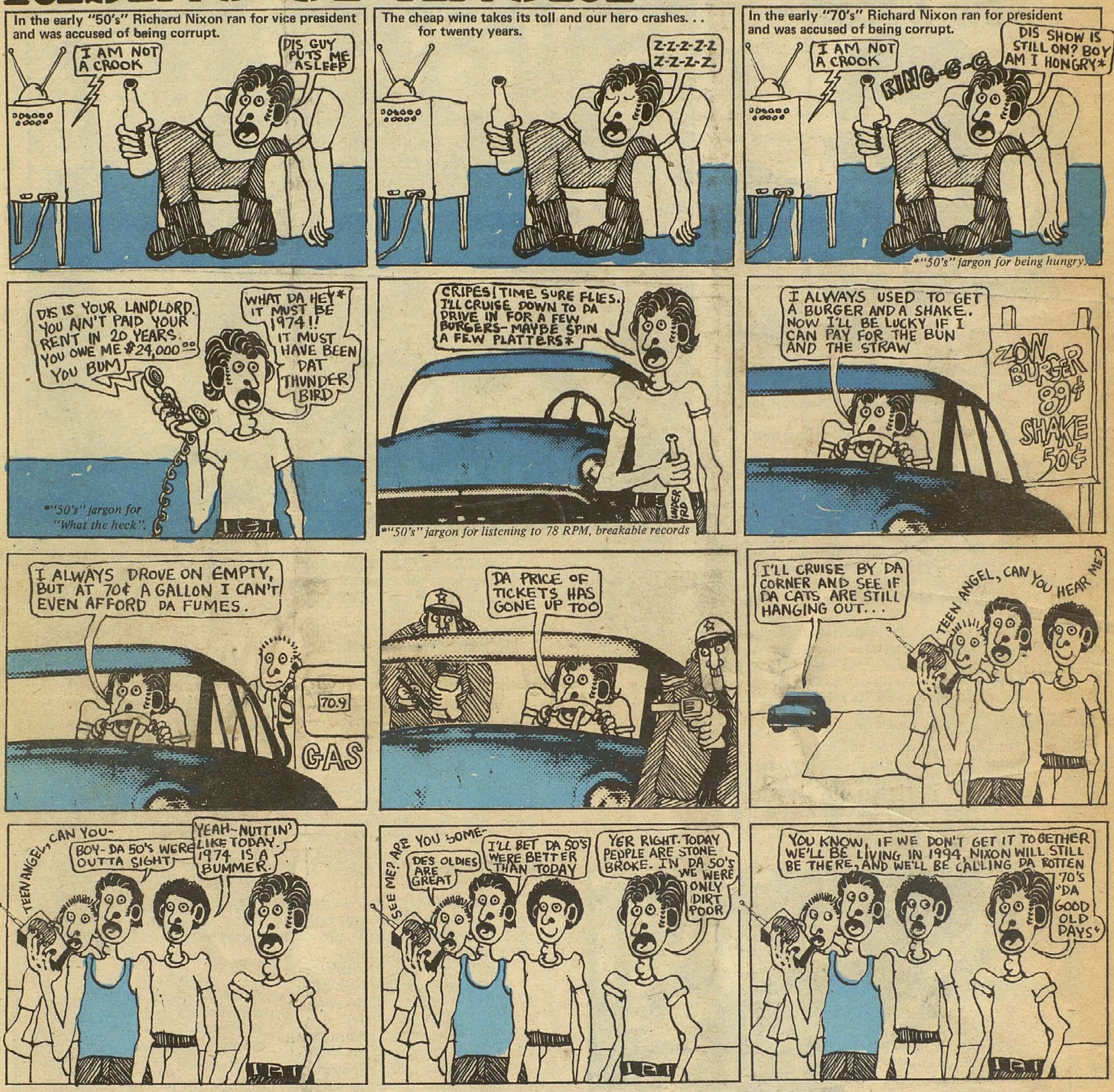
A south politician preaches to the poor, white man,
You got more than the Blacks, don't complain,
You're better than them, you been born with white skin, they explain,
And the Negro is named,
Is used it is plain,
For the politician's gain,
As he rises to fame,
And the poor white remains,
On the caboose of the train,
But it ain't him to blame,
He's only a pawn in their game.

The deputy sheriffs, the soldiers, the governors get paid,
And the marshals and cops get the same,
But the poor white man's used in the hands of them all like a tool,
He's taught in his school
From the start by the rule
That the laws are with him
To protect his white skin,
To keep up his hate
So he never thinks straight,
'Bout the shape that he's in,
But it ain't him to blame,
He's only a pawn in their game.

From the poverty shacks he looks from the cracks to the tracks,
And the hoof beats pound in his brain,
And he's taught how to walk in a pack,
Shoot in the back,
With his fist in a clinch,
To hang and to lynch,
To hide 'neath the hood,
To kill with no pain
Like a dog on a chain,
He ain't got no name
But it ain't him to blame,
He's only a pawn in their game.

The day Medgar Evers was buried from the bullet he caught,
They lowered him down as a king,
But when the shadowy sun sets on the one
That fired the gun,
He'll see by his grave
On the stone that remains,
Carved next to his name
His epitaph plain,
Only a pawn in their game.

RISING UP ANGRY: The good Old Daze


In the early "50's" Richard Nixon ran for vice president and was accused of being corrupt.
I AM NOT A CROOK
DIS GUY PUTS ME ASLEEP
The cheap wine takes its toll and our hero crashes. . . for twenty years.
Z-Z-Z-Z-Z Z-Z-Z-Z-Z
In the early "70's" Richard Nixon ran for president and was accused of being corrupt.
I AM NOT A CROOK
RING-G-G-G
DIS SHOW IS STILL ON? BOY AM I HONGRY*
*"50's" jargon for being hungry.
DIS IS YOUR LANDLORD. YOU AIN'T PAID YOUR RENT IN 20 YEARS. YOU OWE ME $24,000.00 YOU BUM
WHAT DA HEY* IT MUST BE 1974!! IT MUST HAVE BEEN DAT THUNDER BIRD
*"50's" jargon for "What the heck".
CRIPES! TIME SURE FLIES. I'LL CRUISE DOWN TO DA DRIVE IN FOR A FEW BURGERS- MAYBE SPIN A FEW PLATTERS*
LANDER RD
*"50's" jargon for listening to 78 RPM, breakable records
I ALWAYS USED TO GET A BURGER AND A SHAKE. NOW I'LL BE LUCKY IF I CAN PAY FOR THE BUN AND THE STRAW
ZOW BURGER 89¢ SHAKE 50¢
I ALWAYS DROVE ON EMPTY, BUT AT 70¢ A GALLON I CAN'T EVEN AFFORD DA FUMES.
70.9
GAS
DA PRICE OF TICKETS HAS GONE UP TOO
I'LL CRUISE BY DA CORNER AND SEE IF DA CATS ARE STILL HANGING OUT...
TEEN ANGEL, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
TEEN ANGEL, CAN YOU-
BOY- DA 50's WERE OUTTA SIGHT
YEAH- NUTTIN' LIKE TODAY. 1974 IS A BUMMER.
SEE ME? ARE YOU SOME-
DES OLDIES ARE GREAT
I'LL BET DA 50's WERE BETTER THAN TODAY
YER RIGHT. TODAY PEOPLE ARE STONE BROKE. IN DA 50's WE WERE ONLY DIRT POOR
YOU KNOW, IF WE DON'T GET IT TOGETHER WE'LL BE LIVING IN 1994, NIXON WILL STILL BE THERE, AND WE'LL BE CALLING DA ROTTEN 70's "DA GOOD OLD DAYS"

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